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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

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DEATH.

At Hankow, on the 25th March, COLIN ALFRED,
son of Alfred and Helene Brown, aged eighteen
months.

The Daily Press.
HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VŒUX ROAD, C.
LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG, 10th April, 1901

Russia's abandonment of the Manchurian Convention, as conveyed in her identical note to the Powers on the 3rd instant, has the effect of relieving the acuteness of the crisis. Russia has not insisted on showing her friendliness to China by extorting her signature to a most one-sided agreement, disastrous to China and unjust to the other Powers. But, although the objectionable Convention is given up, the situation remains anything but clear. Russia announces her intention of quietly awaiting the course of events, while adhering to her oft-repeated programme. It would be satisfactory to know what is this "programme," for it is probable that the interpretations put upon it by St. Petersburg and London may vary very considerably. It seems, however, that Russia means to declare her intention of remaining in military occupation of Manchuria until peace is secured. Up to a certain point Russia's claim is reasonable. There is no ground for doubting the St. Petersburg accounts of hard fighting in the neighbourhood of Simninting, for there seems to be considerable unrest alike in Manchuria and Chihli. The Allies do not contemplate the immediate evacuation of Chihli, and Russia cannot be expected to fix a date for her retirement from Manchuria. What is wanted, and what may reasonably be asked of Russia, is that some understanding should be arrived at in the matter. The alleged contention of the St. Petersburg authorities that Russia's arrangements with China are not the concern of any other nation is one which cannot be granted. Had Japan, for instance, put forward such a plea at the conclusion of the China-Japan War, the European Powers would have scouted the idea. The principle of compensation to other Powers for special privileges granted to one is a long established principle in China, and by its observance alone have many serious international complications been averted. Owing to the peculiar position of China with regard to the rest of the world such a principle is inevitable for the maintenance of peace. Had her officials in

the past been all men of even moderate integrity and patriotism, China's dealing with the foreign nations need not have been watched with such jealous eyes. But when her statesmen have on several occasions notoriously shown themselves willing to sell their country's interests to the highest bidder or the most threatening aggressor, it is clear that all the Powers were obliged to look with the utmost care after their own rights. It is by neglecting to do so that British prestige in China has decreased to such a remarkable extent. At the present time it almost appears that the home Government has awoken to the gravity of the situation, and that we may hope for an abandonment of the policy, which had reached its climax under Lord SALISBURY's administration, of amiable concession to the aggressions of other nations, ousting as far as they could British traders from the Far East. This hope is encouraged by the interpretation recently

put on the Anglo-German Agreement by the British Government. Whoever it is that is primarily responsible for China's rejection of the Manchurian Convention, the result attained is favourable to British interests, provided that some definite understanding be now arrived at as to the future of Manchuria. The question of the evacuation of China should be treated as a whole. Russia's interest in the Manchurian Kuiway will be in no wise affected thereby, but the general affairs of this important province cannot be dealt with as a purely Russo-Chinese question. An important point has been gained by the abandonment of the Manchurian Convention. If, however, it is only to be followed by an indefinite occupation of Manchuria, the immediate gain will ultimately be converted into a loss. The Allies are preparing to contemplate the removal of troops from Chihli, although brigandage is still rife—our Tientsin correspondent's letter bears witness to this—and in the same way to the departure of the Russian troops from Manchuria must be faced. The right of guarding the railway line with a sufficient force there is no necessity to disturb. Otherwise there is no reason for separating the Manchurian question from that of North China. If British and other diplomats have intended any thing by their protests to China about the Convention, they are bound in common sense to go on and to secure a clear understanding on the subject of Manchuria.

In the midst of the heavy downpour of rain with which the Colony has been favoured during the past three days the Water Authority appears to have been struck with the idea of playing a practical joke on the residents. In Saturday's *Gazette* there appeared, over Mr. CRATHAN's signature, a notice to the effect that, in the absence of further rainfall, on and after Monday the 8th instant, the supply of water would be turned on in the public mains only during certain hours in various districts. The threatened householders saw with relief a most abundant fall of rain on Sunday, and Bank Holiday brought a repetition of the same weather. On the latter day, to the consternation of those who were consoling themselves for enforced confinement at home with the idea that at least the water-supply had been replenished, the water was cut off at the public mains in various districts, starting, we believe, at the Peak. Apparently therefore our Water Authority is not satisfied with the rain which has fallen in the last three days. In that case it must be said that his notice in the *Gazette* was misleading. There certainly has not been any "absence of further rainfall." The exact statistics of the fall are not yet made out, but the leanness of some of the showers and the long continuance of the less violent rain preclude the idea of its having been small; moreover, an inspection of the reservoir shows this not to be so. The explanation of the Water Authority's action is difficult to imagine, unless he is laying up a stock of water for a coming dry day.

Among the arrivals yesterday by the P. & O. intermediate steamer *Chelydra* was Lieut. A. Blake, son of the Governor, who will act as A.D.C. to His Excellency.

The return of cases of communicable disease during last week shows 17 plague cases (16 in Victoria), with 15 deaths; and 9 small-pox cases (8 Chinese, one Filipino, all in Victoria), with 4 deaths.

The Penang Cricket Club has a new (Penang) bye-law to the effect if a tamby fields for any player, and makes a catch he will be credited with 50 cents, and the player debited with a similar amount.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum last week shows that the former institution was visited by 392 non-Chinese and 94 Chinese, the latter by 149 non-Chinese, and 1,823 Chinese.

According to the official returns, during the 24 hours (probably the 60 hours, the last return being up to noon of the 6th inst.) ending noon yesterday there were reported six fresh cases of plague (five Chinese, one other Asian), and five deaths (Chinese); and one fresh case of small-pox and two deaths (Chinese).

The new Commissioner of Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs at Kowloon is Mr. R. B. Moorhead.

We have received a letter on the subject of the cutting off of the water-supply on Monday, a question with which we deal elsewhere.

H.M.S. *Aurora* left yesterday for Singapore to take part in the reception of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York. The hospital ship *Carthage* left for Calcutta.

The P. & O. steamer *Coromandel* left Singapore for this port on the 8th inst., at 8 a.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here on Saturday, the 13th inst., at about 10 a.m.

The death penalty will not be carried out in the case of the widow Wong Po, who was convicted of the murder of an ex-messenger of the Supreme Court, at 143, Queen's Road East, and sentenced to death on the 25th ult. The reason, we understand, is the condemned woman's condition.

The Shanghai native journal *Hu Pao* says

that in Shensi, notwithstanding the famine, the people remain quiet, thanks to Governor Tsen and the benevolence of the Court, which hearing on arrival accounts of the distress granted the people 50,000 piculs of rice and 50,000 taels money-relief. Governor Tsen emptied his private purse to relieve distress.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:

The Mutual Stores	\$29
Miss D. Mackenzie	5
Mr. Kuttonjee	5
J. Ullmann & Co.	5
W. H. Wickham	5
Woolwall & Co.	5
A Patient	2

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Mr. G. J. W. King offered for sale yesterday afternoon, at the offices of the Public Works Department, two lots of Crown land, the first, inland lot 1633, situated at Bowen Road, and having an area of 25,000 square feet, with an annual rent of \$172. The upset price was \$6,250, and the sum realised was \$6,70. Mr. Shelton Hooper, of the Land Investment Company, was the purchaser of the lot, which is to be used for the erection of European houses. Rural building lot 100 was bought by Mr. Alexander Mackenzie for \$2,000, and will be similarly built upon.

On Monday evening information was received at the Central Police Station that a murder had been committed at the mess in Kennedy Road of the senior and junior clerks employed by the Mitau Bussan Kaihsia Steamship Company. Detectives sent to investigate the affair found at the mess the dead body of a Chinese servant-boy, and a Chinese watchman under arrest on suspicion of having caused his death. The boy, which bore no outward marks of violence, was removed to the mortuary, and the accused man taken to the police station pending enquiry. Dr. Thomson held a post-mortem examination on the body, and found that death was due to failure of the heart, caused by violent excitement. It now transpires that the boy and the watchman were quarrelling, when the former suddenly dropped to the ground and expired. The watchman is still under arrest, but will doubtless be immediately released.

Captain James Fowler, of the trading steamer *Phra Chom Kao*, died on Sunday morning at half-past ten in the Government Civil Hospital from apoplexy. Whilst at Bangkok lately the deceased had an apoplectic seizure, and was carried from the bridge unconscious, in which state he remained between four and five hours. On coming to Hongkong he made arrangements with his agents to take a long holiday for the benefit of his health, and temporarily resigned the command of his ship. On Saturday night, at about ten o'clock, soon after returning on board from a visit ashore, he had a second stroke of apoplexy. Dr. Gibson was promptly in attendance and ordered his removal to the Government Civil Hospital, where he died without regaining consciousness. Captain Fowler, who was unmarried and aged about 43 years, had been altogether seventeen years in China, and was at one time connected with the British Oriental and the Scottish Oriental Steamship Companies. He was comodore skipper with the latter line. The deceased was well-known and greatly respected in Hongkong and elsewhere. He was a native of Australia.

It is stated that the notorious Yu Hien, before he was put to death at Lanchow, composed words for two funeral scrolls. The first read as follows:—"For the minister's sin the minister dies, but the minister's wish it changeth not in life or death. My heart is clear. I am no traitor Chin Hui. My Sovereign's grace I'll repay, my Sovereign's grief who will assuage? My Lord and Mistress too may you all combine to save." The second purports to be as follows:—"The Minister dies for his country, the wife and concubine for the Minister's sake as is fitting, but most pitiful is the case of my ninety-seven-year-old mother and my daughter of seven, who will hardly survive. I slew men, the Emperor slew me, why should I repine? But what I do regret is that by the Emperor's grace I served him twenty years in three different provinces and yet have done so little to repay him." Duke San is also said to have composed these words for a scroll before he committed suicide.—"My Lord is grieved, his Minister disgraced. My Lord disgraced, his Minister dies; but his death is not to be deplored, if it helps his country. The real sadness is that I leave my old mother and young children wrapped in gloom. O Azure Heaven! Why did we come to such a pass?"

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The Straits Settlements have declared Moulmein an infected port on account of the cholera existing there.

An impost of 1d per lb. on sugar in England would yield £20,000,000, a fact which increases the belief that a sugar tax is probable in the new Budget.

It appears from a London telegram of the 14th ult. that the mortality from influenza in the metropolis then amounted to 40 cases weekly and was increasing.

The New York Sun has apologised for publishing a garbled account of the letters of Lieutenant Morrison, of the Canadian Contingent, with reference to "British brutality" in South Africa, and disavowed the author, who was the Ottawa correspondent.

A curious fact in connection with the steamer *Ophir*, which is conveying the Duke and Duchess of York and Cornwall to Australia, is that before she started a portion of the civilian officers on board refused to be vaccinated. The rest sympathising with them, all were dismissed, and replaced by men from the Naval Depot.

The "Imperial Queensland Opal," the property of Mr. Maurice Lyons which is reported to be worth £50,000, was being exhibited at the Victorian Agency in London last month. It is stated that the owner intends to offer it to the King as a contribution to the coronation regalia, in honour of the Commonwealth of Australia.

A London telegram of the 10th ult. to an Australian paper states that the popular Lancashire cricketer Briggs has had a serious relapse of his complaint and has been removed to an asylum. It will be remembered that Briggs rather unexpectedly recovered from his previous attack and played for Lancashire last season.

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A *New Press* telegram, dated Peking, 29th March, says that it is now decided that the British forces in Peking are to evacuate. Headquarters will be transferred to the Summer Palace five miles north-west of Peking, with a portion of the forces, and the remainder of the troops will go to Peitaiho as soon as the warm weather begins. Peking is declared to be quite untenable through the summer, for sanitary reasons, and only the most urgent political considerations could keep the forces here. These do not exist. It is expected the Emperor will more readily come to Peking in consequence.

The Nanchang correspondent of the *N.C. Daily News* says that the new Governor of Kiangsi has taken hold of matters with a stiff hand, if the report of the under officials is any criterion, and is judged to be vigorous old man. Much difficulty is being experienced in the adjustment of the Roman Catholic claims. The officials say they are willing to pay all just claims, but are unable to meet claims that seem to them after careful investigation to be exorbitant. It is suggested that all claims for indemnity be submitted to a board of arbitration, for the probabilities are that such a board would approve all legitimate claims.

POLICE COURT.

Tuesday, 9th April.

BEFORE MR. HAZELAND.

DIDN'T KNOW THE REGULATIONS.

The master of the steamer *Sarvis* was summoned by Sergeant Smith for blowing his vessel's whistle needlessly and other than for the purposes of navigation.

The defendant and his ship had been piloted to and he determined was a dangerous anchor, and he had a second stroke of apoplexy.

He had to perform the work himself, and blew the whistle to warn junks and other craft in the vicinity. He had not been in Victoria Harbour before, and did not know the regulations.

His Worship—Oh, you must have known it was against the regulations to sound your whistle as you did. Fine you five dollars.

MONEY-SNATCHING.

A hawk down Wanchai way was on Monday stooping to shoulder his wages, when a dollar rolled out of his pocket. He did not see the coin fall, but a rickshaw coolie did, and promptly picked it up and bolted. A boy standing near told the hawk of what had taken place, and the latter pursued the thief and had him arrested. The dollar was found in his waistband.

His Worship sent him to prison for three weeks, with hard labour.

NO LIGHT.

A cashier in the Field Controller's office, C.E.F., was fined \$5 for riding his bicycle without a light after sunset on the 5th inst.

PROSECUTIONS BY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Mr. H. P. Tooker, executive engineer of the Public Works Department, prosecuted a Chinese contractor for erecting a shed or structure of mats on Crown land without the previous sanction of the Director of Public Works. He was further ordered to remove the mats by six o'clock.

The defendant was fined \$25.

A similar penalty was imposed upon another Chinese contractor for erecting a shed or structure of mats on Crown land without the previous sanction of the Director of Public Works. He was further ordered to remove the mats by six o'clock.

THE MILITARY HOUSES.

Eleven Chinese householders were summoned by J. Roger, inspector of nuisances, for failing to keep their dwellings in a cleanly condition. They were each fined in sums ranging from \$1 to \$5.

TELEGRAMS.

DAILY PRESS' SERVICE.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

SHANGHAI, 8th April, 7.22 p.m.

COURT PREPARES TO LEAVE HSIAN.

Honan despatches report that large barges are being built for the transport of the Court across the Hoang Ho, on their journey to Peking.

REACTIONARY APPOINTMENTS.

Yu Yen-jin has been appointed Governor of Kwangsi and Hsi Liang Governor of Hupeh, both of them being violent reactionaries.

THE END OF THE ZOLOC CRISIS.

Our twofold local crisis is over, and we are once more reduced nearly to normal calm. Count Waldens was the last to make his decision in disposing of the railway excitement. With great commonsense he

the credit of inaugurating a great measure of public, and almost national, importance. There is abundance of water in the Fei Ho this spring; Mr. de Linde's scheme is so far completely successful, what is now wanted is to deepen and especially to lengthen the channel in the western end. No vessel of over 200 feet can get round them at present.

Later.

THE AUSTRALIAN DEPART.

The Victorian half of the Australian Contingent left us this morning. There was a remarkable demonstration of good will on the part of the embarkation. General Campbell voiced the sentiments of all Tientsin, civil and military, in confessing our common obligation for their splendid services; the General said that in all his long service he had never been associated with a finer and better disciplined body of men, and that he and we parted with them with the greatest regret. The band of the Hongkong Regiment played them off, and almost every officer and man on duty in the garrison turned out to wish the men God speed home. The New South Wales contingent follows to-morrow from Peking.

I grieve to say the news of the tragedy to Mr. Stonehouse is confirmed, though no particulars are yet to hand.

CHANGE DOINGS.

The morrow of March Settlement, Hongkong, 1901.

Pew! At last the Settlement, that March Settlement which has been weighing on the Rialto mind for weeks past, that Settlement, which it had been predicted, would surely cause a slump all round, has come and gone, and yet the market has lost its equilibrium. That it should have occurred on a Saturday was in itself a serious disadvantage, but, thanks to the staff of the banks principally concerned, who on this occasion, as on many other occasions of emergency, were most obliging and accommodating, everything passed off like clockwork.

Such a heavy Settlement has not been known since those never-to-be-forgotten days of 1888 and 1889, when the share mania was at its height. But what a difference between the mad speculation of that mad period, to recover from the evil effects of which it took Hongkong four bitter years, and the healthy investment business of the present day! Instead of the men of straw, who then constituted the bulk of speculators and who, for a time, were able to control the market to their own advantage, we now have sober-minded solid business-men, who would not encourage undue inflation, and who can be depended upon in case of a panic. In

stead, too, of the shady ventures, such as bogus tobacco companies, silver mines in unknown lands, and others of the like kind, which were palmed off on a too trusting public and took vast sums of money out of the Colony, we now have sound productive concerns, all, judging from their published statements, in prosperous condition and attracting capital here from all over the East. There can be no question that it is to this last factor that we owe, in a great measure, our present easy financial situation.

The month has not been without its anxieties, but these were only transient, and were tided over without any difficulty. Settlement calculations were generally profitable, but those same off-beat who held on to the last, and who were not scared into parting with their holdings at the first sign of any slight momentary weakness. The stock which was mostly feared was, of course, Banks, in which a very heavy business had been doing for some time past, but they held firm up to the last. A big line of these shares has found its way up North, but destined, I believe, for a more important market. There was, however, very little new business done during the month, only a few insignificant lots changing hands on time, viz., 374 per cent. to 372 per cent. for July, 365 per cent. to 363 per cent. for May, and 361 per cent. to 354 per cent. for April. The cash rate closed at 351 per cent.

Docks—quiet steady, but quiet during the greater part of the month. Lately, however, there was again a brisk demand, fancy prices being paid for forward shares when obtainable. The old story is now in the hands of the Company, to be exchanged for new. This change is a positive boon to small investors, who will now be able to get their savings in a concern which has been beyond their reach hitherto.

Shipping.—A steady business has been doing in Indos all throughout the month, the northern port being the principal buyer, both for cash and on time. The month's quotations varied very little, having been \$119 to \$121 for June, and \$117 to \$119 cash. Steamboats experienced a heavy drop, falling as low as \$32, but latterly recovering somewhat, closed steady at \$33. This sudden decline is doubtless owing to that periodical bite note to the Company, another opposition on their line. It is rumoured, however, that the latter has already broken down. Douglasses were picked off the market at the uniform rate of \$48, but the supply seems continuous, sellers still ruling the market at the close. Star Ferries appear to be daily coming into increased favour, buyers being prepared to pay \$22 for old ships, and \$71 for new, but very few shares are forthcoming.

China Sugars.—Under this head last month I mentioned that a good statement and a good dividend may be expected. I see I was not wrong in this prediction, as a few days after its appearance in print, the announcement was made that it had been decided to declare a dividend of \$25 per share, a handsome dividend indeed, and one much beyond what the most sanguine of shareholders could have expected. When it is remembered, but a twelve-month back, what a sorry plight the company's affairs were in, its recuperative powers must appear all the more remarkable, and the General Managers deserve the greatest credit for effecting this wonderful change in such a short time. It is

devoutly to be hoped that the Chairman's anticipations of favourable prospects for the current year will prove equally right as his anticipations of last year have certainly proved. Immediately the dividend became known, a rush, of course, was made for shares, which soon rose from \$134 to \$143, from the latter figure they fell back to \$137, but have since rallied, and close at \$136 ex div.

Hongkong Wharves.—The strong enquiry of last month, when the closing rate was \$35, slackened somewhat in the early part of the period under review. Of a sudden, however, a determined demand set in, which, being very poorly met, rapidly pushed up the rate to \$40. But even at this latter figure very few shares were parted with. Rumours of railways, and reports of large profits that the company is making, have played their part in accounting for the sudden rise, but the real reason probably is that these shares have been standing below their intrinsic value for some time. Be that as it may, the market closes very firm, and shares are scarce to find.

Hongkong Lands kept fluctuating between \$195 and \$200, and were done in fair lots, both for cash and on time at perhaps slightly higher than the equivalent cash basis. Hampneys Estates have attracted a good deal of attention, and rose from \$12 to \$13.

Hongkong Hotels.—Not much has been doing in these shares, except a few settlement lots and a small forward business, the rate having remained almost stationary and ranging from \$123 cam div. and \$119 ex div. The Company's earnings for the last half-year, some \$71,000, have, as I said two months ago, come up to expectation, but this fact did not depress the market any further, seeing that the stock has stood much too low ever since that memorable and boisterous meeting of six months ago, when the directors and shareholders disagreed. On that occasion the director's report was thrown out and an amended one was put to the vote and passed, in spite of their strenuous opposition. At present, it may be permissible to ask, as the result of that meeting, does not the position of the directors appear unprecedented? In the present case we have the curious spectacle of the directors actually declaring a dividend which, on their own admission, they consider is not justified by the profits, and when their mature judgment would have recommended a smaller one.

Cements.—This company's dividend of 8 per cent. has come rather as a disappointment, holders of this scrip having been in hopes of getting at least 10 per cent. Consequently, shares have been offering freely, and are obtainable at \$13.

Watkins, Limited.—The statement for the year shows a total profit of a shade over \$18,000, not a bad profit for a concern of its size, especially when it is taken into consideration that it was made almost entirely in the company's ordinary business alone. It appears that the manager's several trips to Tientsin, with medical and other comforts, have not borne fruit yet. The quotation is somewhere about \$104, sellers.

Hongkong Cottons have again had a relapse, and are a drug on the market at \$7.

Mining.—The result of the Raub crushing has come to hand (about 1,500 oza), and is certainly more promising. Buyers at \$38 failed to obtain many shares, the market closing very strong. Oliver also appear to be improving, the cabled results of the 19 days' crushing, viz., 500 oza, out of about 500 tons of ore, raising the hope of those who have pinned their faith in this company.

ESA.

LAWN TENNIS.

The annual Lawn Tennis Match between the Hongkong Cricket Club and the Ladies Recreation Club is announced to take place on the Cricket Club Ground to-day, starting at 3 p.m. The following will represent the two Clubs:

L.R.C.
T. Scromme Smith (H. Pinckney
F. Maitland (Capt. Langhorne, R.A.)

H. Humphreys (E. J. Grist
A. Humphreys (H. S. Wade)

E. F. Mackay (Major Dorehill, R.A.
P. A. Cox (Major Griffin, R.A.)

The Hongkong Cricket Club will be "At Home" during the afternoon and ladies are invited to attend.

By kind permission of Col. the Hon. Bertie and Officers, the Band of the R. W. Fusiliers will play during the afternoon.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. steamer *Coromandel* left Singapore for this port on the 8th inst., at 8 a.m. with the outward English Mail, and is due on the 13th inst. at about 10 a.m.

The Austrian Lloyd's steamer *Trieste* left via Moji for this port on the 8th inst.

The O. S. S. steamer *Ulysses* left Singapore on the 7th inst., and is due in Hongkong on the 12th inst.

When Osm Paul first visited England he was the object of much concern to his fellow passengers on board the liner from Capetown, many of whom were consumed with curiosity when they noticed his absence from the dinner-table for the first four days out (say the *S. James's Budget*). On inquiry they found that the careful Travancore spent the dinner hour on deck, where he eagerly devoured bits and biscuits. "I have no money to fool away on expensive eating like you Englishmen." The correspondent who tells the story, and was on board at the time, adds: "You should just have seen the old man trying to make up for lost time when it was explained to him that his passage-money included his meals on board."

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HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The Easter Prize Meeting of the Hongkong Rifle Association, which opened on Friday, was continued on Saturday and Monday, while all the competitions, with the exception of the Ladies' Nomination, were concluded. The last-named event is one always productive of the keenest interest, and it was with great reluctance that the promoters of the meeting decided, on account of the unfavourable weather, to postpone it till Saturday next, when firing will commence at three o'clock.

DE WET AND THE TRANSVAALERS.

According to Renter's correspondent, De Wet distinctly states that he will have nothing to do with the negotiations now proceeding for the surrender of the Boers, and he has publicly stated that, next to Britishers, he hates Transvaalers most.

KRUGER URGED TO SURRENDER.

A leading pro-Boer newspaper in Brussels is urging Kruger to recognise the fact that the emanicipation of the Boer republics is now an impossibility. The same paper says it is utterly useless to continue the struggle any longer, and expresses the opinion that the carrying on of the campaign is now a barbarous and even criminal proceeding. The time has arrived, the paper concludes, to put a stop to the unequal struggle, and thus prevent the total extermination of a brave people.

TRADE PLANS.

Kitchener has manœuvred his men so that he can now execute a grand driving movement from Orange River Colony. His forces now form a crescent, and he proposes driving the Boers in a north-easterly direction towards the coast.

CHARGE OF TREASON.

The Mayor of Maraisburg, a town in Cape Colony, has been arrested on a charge of treason. It is stated that he was in collusion with the Boers, and surrendered the town into the hands of the enemy.

TRAIN WRECKED BY BOERS.

The Boers are still engaged in raiding and wrecking, and derail trains whenever an opportunity offers. They recently succeeded in wrecking a provision train near Vlaklaagte, and getting away with a quantity of stores.

TROOPS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

British troops continue to be sent out to South Africa every day. Five thousand mounted men leave England for Port Elizabeth next week.

27th March.

BOERS SHORT OF STORES.

It is stated that the Boers are getting into dire straits owing to the scarcity of supplies. Several commandos have been unable to obtain sufficient food, and are consequently suffering severe privations.

BRITISH TROOPS MAKE A BIG HAUL.

The different forces of Britishers in the Transvaal and Orange River Colony have made some successful raids recently. During the last few days they have succeeded in capturing over a hundred thousand head of stock, including sheep, cattle and horses.

BOERS' COMMANDO SURROUNDED.

The Boer commando under Fourie is now within the cordon of British troops. This force escaped from Dewetsdorp some time ago. It is reported that the Boers comprising the commando are encircling the best terms obtainable from Kitchener in the event of them surrendering.

BRITISH TROOPSHIP DISABLED.

The troopship *Norham Castle*, with a contingent on board for South Africa, became disabled whilst at sea. She was towed to the Ascension Islands in a helpless state.

21st March.

BOERA REJECTS KITCHENER'S TERMS.

The fact that Botha has rejected the British terms of surrender, offered the Boers through Kitchener, has been made public, and the information has caused keen disappointment amongst the Boers in Pretoria. Writing to Kitchener on the subject Botha said that his chief officers and the majority of the members of his Government entirely concurred with his action.

Commenting upon Botha's letter the Times asks what constitutes Botha's Government.

This refusal upon the part of the Boers to accept Britain's terms emphasises Kitchener's appeal for comfort for his men, so as to enable the British troops to vigorously prosecute the war during the coming winter.

TRAIN WEEKING.

Since Komati Poort was occupied by the British the Boers have wrecked no less than twenty-one trains on the Delagoa Bay railway line.

MILNER'S HEADQUARTERS.

Sir Alfred Milner, the Governor of the Transvaal and the Orange River Colony, is making Johannesburg his headquarters.

22nd March.

HOW THE BOERS GAINED TIME.

During an interview with Kruger, the latter stated that Botha's sole purpose in negotiating with Kitchener reposed surrender was to gain time to collect supplies to continue the struggle for independence.

Three Cape rebels have been shot, by Kitchener's orders, for being concerned in the wrecking of a train on the Port Elizabeth line.

THE APPROACH OF WINTER.

In view of the approaching winter the British War Office is sending three hundred thousand blankets and a large quantity of other comforts for the use of the troops.

A large central camp is being formed in the Transvaal for sixteen thousand British Yeomanry.

23rd March.

THE PROGRESS OF AFFAIRS.

Kitchener reports that during a recent skirmish with the Boers Philip Botha, a brother of the late J. Marshall, was made prisoner, and two of his sons wounded. Kitchener also reports that all the Boer commandos in the Orange River Colony have now been disbanded and scattered.

It is believed that De Wet is located at Heilbron, one hundred and fifty miles to the north-east of Bloemfontein.

Twenty thousand mounted British troops are now distributed throughout the four divisions of the Orange River Colony.

Milner has appointed an Executive Council to administer Transvaal affairs.

Latest reports from the seat of war go to show that the number of deaths from enteric is rapidly decreasing.

25th March.

THE ABORTIVE NEGOTIATIONS.

Further details of the negotiations between Kitchener and Botha show that the former warned the Boer leader that if the terms offered were rejected they would never be renewed, and that the future treatment of rebellious Boers would be much more severe than before.

Chamberlain, in explaining the failure of the negotiations to the House of Commons, states that Botha never at any time raised any specific objection to the terms proposed by Kitchener, nor submitted any counter proposals.

BOERS OBJECT TO MILNER.

It is stated that the Boers generally throughout the Transvaal and Orange River colonies object very strongly to Milner's appointment as Governor-General.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

Russia is offering Japan compensation on condition that she discontinues her resistance to the Manchuria convention near Dewetsdorp.

THE PUNISHMENT FOR NEWSPAPER LIBELS.

The well-known British paper—the *Morning Leader* and *Star*—have been heavily fined for stating that members of Chamberlain's

steamship *Waverley* had been shot.

26th March.

BEWARE OF THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

The majority of the English Liberals admit

that this is now quite impossible, in the face of

Botha's decision, for Chamberlain to proceed further in the matter of the peace proposals without seriously injuring British supremacy in South Africa.

The South African Press, commenting upon the concessions recently offered to the Boers by Great Britain, all agree in acknowledging that the generosity displayed by the British nation throughout the war unsurpassed.

The Continental Press, whilst referring to the recent peace proposals, admits, although very reluctantly and with a bad grace, that Chamberlain's moderation and forbearance have been most exceptional in a case like one in point.

The same papers add that Britain, by her action in extending an opportunity to surrender to the Boers, shows that the enter-

prise have been financially interested in several war contracts.

AUSTRALIAN AFFAIRS.

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Hongkong, 10th April, 1901. [919]

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Goods not cleared by the 16th instant, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All ship-damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and Notice of same sent to this Office before the 19th inst., or claims in connection therewith will not be recognised.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godown after the 14th instant, will be subject to rent.

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Hongkong, 8th April, 1901. [97]

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His Majesty's Treasury Office, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 4th April, 1901. [983]

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Hongkong, 4th April, 1901. [944]

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BY CLIVE R. FENN
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It had been a stiff morning's fight. The gunners had worked deadly well with the Beggars however, but yet a good many English went to the last account too.

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Then he was put on a horse in front of a rider, and a long march began.

The hot day, the scene, the desert—all that seemed to go by like a mist; his head swam... It was not till the cool of the evening, when there was a halt, and he and his companion in misfortune, Sergeant Brocke, were placed in a hut that complete consciousness returned. He saw too that though his own case might be bad that of the Sergeant was immeasurably worse; the non-commissioned officer lay there looking up at the roof.

"He will die," he thought.

When a man in authority looked in and asked in guttural French if he was well, Estcourt uttered a protest on behalf of his fellow-prisoner.

"Do something for him," he said.

The man shrugged his shoulders.

"Mais il va mourir."

"Qu'il meure donc," was the brutal reply, and he staggered out of the hut.

The Sergeant was in a delirium a few hours later, imagining himself fighting. Estcourt watched over him. When morning came he appeared appreciably better.

He was afraid that they would separate them, but though several guards came into the hut at about mid-day they went again without doing more than glance at the fettters which had been fastened on the prisoners' wrists and ankles.

In the afternoon Estcourt heard his name called. The Sergeant was lucid, but was nearing the end.

"I am lost," he said feebly; "I am lost. Estcourt, give me your hand. You have much to wish me."

"But I don't wish you ill. All that is forgotten. Bygones are bygones for ever."

"Thanks. What fools we were. How we miss our chances here! Good-bye."

The Sergeant's head fell back. He was dead. Estcourt laid a cloth over the face, and called the sentry who was outside.

"What is it?" he said.

"You see my friend; he is dead."

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VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	ASTURIA	Brit. str.	—	Ostermann	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 4th May.
VICTORIA, B.C., &c., VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	—	O. P. Marshall, E.N.E.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 24th inst.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA AMOY, &c.	GLENNOLE	Brit. str.	—	W. Fraker	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	To-morrow, at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	IDZUMI MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. J. Currow	O. & S. S. CO.	On 19th inst. at 4 P.M.
SAN DIEGO, &c., VIA MOJI, &c.	TAITOS	Brit. str.	—	G. D. Bowles, E.N.E.	PACIFIC MAIL S. S. CO.	On or about 1st May.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	COPTIC	Brit. str.	—	P. T. Holmes	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 13th inst. at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	AMERICA MARU	Amer. str.	—	A. E. Moses	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 23rd inst. at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	CITY OF PEKING	Brit. str.	—	Mits	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On or about 18th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	STRATFORD	Brit. str.	—	W. Bainbridge	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	TAIWAN	Brit. str.	—	G. E. P. Cook	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	AUSTRIAN	Brit. str.	—	E. W. Haswell	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 26th inst. at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	S. Yoshizawa	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 16th inst.
TRIESTE & VIA PORTS OF CALL	TRIESTE	Aust. str.	—	Laver	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 12th inst. at Daylight.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	INABA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Dowson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 26th inst. at Daylight.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SHINTANG MARU	Jap. str.	—	F. W. Schulz	EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO., LTD.	On 10th inst. at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KASUGA MARU	Jap. str.	—	E. W. Vibert, E.N.E.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 23rd inst. at Noon.
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	HIROSHIMA MARU	Brit. str.	—	W. Hayward, E.N.E.	EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO., LTD.	To-day.
SHANGHAI	CHIHLI	Brit. str.	—	S. Asumi	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
SHANGHAI	WNAFOA	Brit. str.	—	K. Suduki	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On or about 11th inst.
SHANGHAI	WOORUNG	Fren. str.	—	T. Ogata	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 12th inst. at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	YABA	Fren. str.	—	S. Hirai	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 13th inst.
SHANGHAI	LOONMOON	Fren. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On or about 13th inst.
SHANGHAI	PACTING	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On or about 22nd inst.
SHANGHAI	COROMANDEL	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at Daylight.
SHANGHAI	CRYDON	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 17th inst. at Daylight.
SHANGHAI	ANPING MARU	Jap. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th inst.
SHANGHAI & JAPAN	AKASHI MARU	Jap. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On or about 15th inst.
FOOCHOW VIA SWATOW & AMOY	DAIJIN MARU	Jap. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO	TATSU MARU	Jap. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
TAKAO	MANILA VIA AMOY	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
MANILA	YUNESANG	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
MANILA	PEBLA	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	EMERALDA	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & BOMBAY	BORMIDA	Ital. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.

SHIPPING.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH
FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.
 April 8, TAIYUAN, British str., 1,459, Nelson, Yokohama 2nd April, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
 April 9, HUNAN, British str., 1,158, Fraser, Chinkiang 3rd April, Rice and Oil.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
 April 9, GUTHRIE, British str., 2,347, W. G. MacArthur, Sydney 17th March and Manila 6th April, General.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.
 April 9, DAPHNE, German str., 1,291, Nissen, Moji 4th April, Coal.—SIEMSEN & CO.
 April 9, INABA MARU, Japanese str., 3,834, W. Bainbridge, London 1st March and Singapore 4th April, General.—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
 April 9, CHILDE, British str., 1,567, R. Cox, Calcutta 22nd March and Singapore 3rd April, General.—JARDINE, MATTHISON & CO.
 April 9, IDEUMI MARU, Japanese str., 2,301, M. J. Currow, Shanghai 6th April, General.—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
 April 9, OBI, British str., 1,951, R. Pinkham, Cardiff 23rd Feb., Patent Fuel.—GOVERNMENT.
 April 9, THYRA, British str., 2,244, Dunning, Barry Dock 16th Feb., Coals.—ORDER.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
 9TH APRIL.
 Pelaya, British str., for Swatow.
 Heilan, British str., for Swatow.
 Yuensang, British str., for Manila.
 Glenaloch, British str., for Amoy.
 Aping Mora, Japanese str., for Swatow.

DEPARTURES.

April 8, CARTHAGE, British hospital ship, for Calcutta.
 April 9, HUNAN, British str., for Canton.
 April 9, CHINSAW, British str., for Singapore.
 April 9, PAKA C. KLAU, Brit. str., for Bangkok.
 April 9, HAILAN, French str., for Hoilow.
 April 9, PROGRESS, German str., for Touren.
 April 9, AUREA, Brit. cruiser for Singapore.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

ABERDEEN DOCKS.—Esmeralda, Madagas-
car, KOWLOON DOCKS.—U.S.S. Isle de Luzon, U.S.S. Bennington, U.S.S. Yorktown, S.M.S. Hertha, Hanse, Iltis, Lung Tsing, Hangchow, Clovelly, Choufu, Pingtan, Compton de Filipine, H.M.S. Ocean, H.M.S. Linnet, Shantung.

SHIPPIING REPORTS.

The British steamer Cheldey, from Calcutta 22nd March and Singapore 3rd April, had light N.E. monsoon and fine weather to 50 miles south of Gap Rock.

The British steamer Taiyuan, from Yokohama 2nd April, had fine weather and moderate winds on the Japan coast and strong N.E. monsoon and thick, rainy weather on the China coast. The British steamer Gulhrie, from Sydney 17th March, Brisbane 19th, Port Darwin 29th, Thursday Island 26th, Port Darwin 29th and Manila 6th April, experienced fine weather with light variable winds and smooth seas throughout the passage till arrival at Manila; thence to port light variable winds and considerable N.E. swell across the China Sea, with overcast weather.

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